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GOLD CONVENTION CALLED

Democrats Will Meet at Indianapolis September 2.

PROMPTLY DECIDED UPON

Conference at Indianapolis Quickly Disposed of the Question of a New Convention and Adjournment Until Evening Was Soon Taken—States Asked to Send Delegates.

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 7.—After a day session, marked by great harmony, the conference of sound money Democrats met this evening and promulgated the call for a second Democratic convention.

The new convention is to meet in Indianapolis at noon on Wednesday, September 2, and the party in the several States is urged to elect delegates immediately.

The conference of the sound money Democrats fully met the expectations of its promoters.

There were thirty-three States represented, and about two hundred Democrats from all over the country were in attendance. Though the most famous politicians of the party were absent, this fact did not dampen the ardor or determination of those present to go ahead and put in the field a ticket and platform that would represent what they believed to be the real tenets of the Democratic party of the country.

The conference reflected in large measure the class of Democrats it represented; that is, the business element. They did not come here to make great speeches or to play at politics, and went to the work in a business-like way, without waste of time in contests for honor or preliminary maneuvering.

An informal conference was held at noon, which was not open to the public, the purpose of which was to bring into line the members from Texas, Georgia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Maine, who came here with the impression that a third ticket would probably do more harm than good, by dividing the sound money forces of the country. At this conference speeches were made by Gen. Buckner of Kentucky, Mr. Outwater of Ohio, Mr. Wilson of Indiana and Mr. Ewing of Illinois, demonstrating the fact that in their States a third ticket was necessary in order that the sound money Democrats might have some rallying point, something to fight for and to make a campaign for.

They declared that in this section of the country, where every inch of political ground has been fought over year by year, there is more in a political name than in a political principle with the average voter, and the large number of Democrats who would be inclined to vote for a sound money Democratic ticket would swallow Bryan and the Chicago platform eventually rather than vote the Republican ticket.

Before the conference at noon ended all opposition to the calling of another convention was withdrawn and it was agreed that the meeting of the committee in the afternoon and evening should be made public. It was also formally agreed that Gen. John M. Palmer of Illinois should be made permanent chairman of the provisional committee.

Talks among the delegates exhibited Continued on Second Page.

MURDERED AN AGED COUPLE.

Horrible Tragedy Committed by Would-be Robbers in Louisiana.

New Orleans, Aug. 7.—The sheriff of Iberia parish has arrived here today and brings the particulars of a terrible murder committed near Patoutville, a small hamlet in the interior of Iberia.

Louis Breux, a creole, past sixty years of age, and his aged wife, lived on a small farm in the vicinity of Patoutville. They had no children. It was generally believed that the old couple had money hoarded away. Early Monday the old man and his wife were discovered weltering in their blood in their little house.

Breux was dead with a terrible wound across one eye. Mrs. Breux was still living, but unconscious. She had a cut on the back of the head, fracturing her skull, and many bruises on her body. A bloody ax was found and it was evidently the weapon used. The murderers stole a tin box, which Breux kept under the mattress, but it contained no money, the old man having placed his savings in another place, where it was found by the sheriff. It amounted to \$215. A neighbor of Breux has been arrested on suspicion.

HANNA'S HOPES IN THE EAST

"Long-Standing Wounds Have Been Healed," He Says.

But He Refuses to Make a Direct Statement Concerning Platt—McKinley's Prospects Flattering.

Cleveland, O., Aug. 7.—Mark Hanna returned from the East today. He said to a United Associated Press representative: "After a week's sojourn in New York, where I had plenty of opportunity to make a thorough canvass of the situation in the East and hear the statements of the various State leaders, I have come to the conclusion that the outlook for McKinley is very flattering."

"In fact, the situation in the East is less complicated than it has been and the prospects are brighter than ever before. Differences have been settled, misunderstandings explained and long-standing wounds healed."

"Has the last member of the executive committee been appointed?"

"No; that matter is still hanging fire, and I cannot tell exactly when action will be taken."

"Will Platt have charge of the New York campaign?"

"The Republican State central committee will. I do not want you to ask me anything about Platt, for I am not saying anything."

CRANK TRIED A HOLD-UP.

Attempted to Extort Money in a Bank and Was Shot.

Jacksonville, Fla., Aug. 7.—W. L. Chamberlain, a crank, came into the bank of the Southern Savings and Trust Company at noon today and presented a paper to Teller Arthur Hubbard, who was alone in the bank.

The paper was a demand for silence and immediate delivery of \$5,000, with a threat to throw acid in Hubbard's face if he did not comply, the acid being a glass. Hubbard covered the crank with a revolver and the two men grappled.

Seizing his opportunity, Hubbard fired, hitting his opponent in the abdomen. Chamberlain will probably die.

WILL BE HARD TO UNTANGLE.



AS SLAYER AND ACCESSORY

Matthews and Mrs. Irwin Held by the Coroner's Jury.

SHE MAKES AN ADMISSION

She Admits Her Relations with the Accused—Declares She Believes Him to Be the Murderer—Special Session of the Court to Be Called to Try the Case.

(Special to The Times.)

La Plata, Md., Aug. 7.—On a chain of circumstantial evidence, flawless and skillfully woven, the coroner's jury this afternoon returned a verdict declaring George Matthews the murderer of James Irwin. Emma Irwin, wife of the murdered man, was held as an accessory.

Matthews was brought back to jail this evening. He still protests his innocence, though the wife stated, today to State's Attorney Posey that while she saw no one commit the deed, she suspects Matthews.

Mrs. Irwin is still in bed at the Swan House under guard of two constables. She will be brought to the jail here as soon as she is well enough to be moved. Her two children are with her.

Irwin's father and brother, who reside in Allen's Fresh, came to the house today and strange to say shook hands with Matthews.

State's Attorney Posey said that as he believed nothing to be due to the tardiness of administering justice he would endeavor, if possible, to hold a special session of the court. Mr. Posey is sure that he has sufficient evidence to convict the prisoner. His examination today was a most thorough and searching.

THE INQUEST RESUMED.

The coroner's jury resumed its session in Allen's Fresh this morning. Previous to the assembling of the jury State's Attorney Posey visited Mrs. Irwin, who is still under surveillance, at the home of Catherine Swann. Mrs. Irwin's physical condition had greatly improved, and she talked at length with Mr. Posey. She admitted that criminal relations had existed between herself and Matthews.

When the jury came in the room and commenced to question her she began to cry. The jury then adjourned to the home of the murdered man, where Matthews was held by the sheriff.

Mrs. Hattie Barnes, sister of Mrs. Irwin, was the first witness sworn, and testified that she had been on a visit to Mrs. Irwin in Allen's Fresh, and on the Friday previous to the murder she was driven to her home near Harris Lot. Near Plainfield farm they met Matthews, and her sister got out of the buggy, and she drove on, a short distance down the road, out of sight and hearing. Mrs. Irwin and Matthews were in close conversation for ten minutes or more, and she said to her sister.

She did not hear the conversation between the two. Matthews, it will be remembered, swore on Wednesday before the coroner's jury that the whole conversation between himself and Mrs. Irwin on that Friday, was carried on in the presence of Mrs. Barnes.

HAD THREATENED IRWIN.

Mary Bean, colored, testified that last spring she heard the murdered man say that he was afraid of Matthews, and that Matthews had threatened to take his life, and that Matthews had threatened to kill the witness for telling Mr. Irwin something about the conduct of Mrs. Irwin with him.

John Stein, a crabbler residing at Rock Point, was called and testified to seeing Matthews row home about 3 a. m. on the morning following the night of the murder. The testimony of Stein disproved the statement of Matthews that he got home from a trip up the Wisconsin on Sunday night at 10 o'clock and did not get up till about sunrise.

State's Attorney Posey then related the conversation he had earlier with Mrs. Irwin, in which she had admitted criminal relations with the accused. He also showed the double barrel gun taken from the home of Matthews and the charges with which it was loaded, which, as has already been stated, showed that the mixed shot and wadding in one barrel corresponded with that found in the murdered man's brain, and with the same mixed shot in a box in the home of the accused.

He also said that Mrs. Irwin admitted that she looked as if George had killed her husband. She also complained, he said,

KILLED BY AN ELECTRIC CAR

Young Howard Fleet Crushed While Crossing Long Bridge.

NEW LINE'S FIRST VICTIM

With a Companion the Boy Was Crossing the Bridge on the Car Tracks—Did Not Hear the Train—Mortician Was Released as Not Responsible for the Accident.

Howard Fleet, colored, sixteen years old, was killed on the north causeway of Long Bridge by Alexandria and Mount Vernon electric train No. 14 at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

So far as the police are able to determine from a camera investigation of the case, Mortician Frank Hill was not at fault. The fatality seems to have been due to the rashness of the lad. It was the first accident thus far recorded in the brief career of this railroad.

The body of the boy was conveyed to the morgue in the patrol wagon of the Fourth precinct and the coroner notified. An inquest will be had at police station No. 4 at 11 o'clock this morning.

Howard Fleet lived with his parents at Johnson's Hill, Va., a small settlement one mile beyond Jackson City. Howard aided in the support of the family by doing odd jobs for the white families living near his home. His father is a laborer in the brickworks close by Johnson's Hill.

FARR CAUSED THE COLLISION

Coroner's Jury Gives Its Verdict in the Atlantic City Case.

Towerman Censured Because of Bad Judgment in Giving Excursion Train Right of Way

Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 7.—The jury in the Atlantic City accident came in at 6:25 and returned three verdicts. The first stating the manner of death of the persons over whom the inquisition was held; the second finding Engineer Farr, who was most thorough and searching.

The third verdict censured Engineer Farr. Following is the first verdict:

"We, the jury, empaneled to investigate the cause of death of E. W. Goddard and others, do find that the said persons whose bodies we have viewed, came to their death by a collision of express train No. 23, on the Atlantic City Railroad, and excursion train No. 700, on the West Jersey and Seaboard Railroad, at a point known as the Shore Road crossing, near Atlantic City, on the 30th of July, 1896, at or about 6:48 p. m."

The second verdict reads: "We, the undersigned jurors, also find that Engineer Edward Farr of the Atlantic City Railroad failed to base his engine under proper control on approaching said crossing, and that George F. Hauser, in giving the excursion train of the West Jersey Road right of way over a fast express, used bad judgment. We also are of the opinion that Engineer John Greiner of said excursion train erred in not exercising greater care in crossing ahead of said fast express."

The third verdict is as follows: "The undersigned jurors are of the opinion that the cause of the collision was the failure of Edward Farr, engineer of train No. 23, to give heed in time to the semaphore signals, and thus failed to leave his train under proper control on approaching the signals and crossing under the rules."

"The undersigned jurors further declare that the towerman, George F. Hauser, may have used poor judgment in his estimate of the distance away of the Atlantic City railroad train No. 23, when he gave the white boards to the West Jersey and Seaboard excursion train No. 700. (Signed) Lewis Evans, Levi C. Albertson, J. B. Champion."

Conner McLaughlin tonight ordered the discharge of George Hauser, the towerman, and gave him \$2500 bail to await the action of the coroner's jury. The jury did not directly hold anyone of the railroad employees criminally responsible for the disaster.

It is some distance upon the prosecutor and grand jury to determine whether any of the employees were guilty of criminal negligence in the discharge of their duties.

Tupper Election Protested.

Ottawa, Aug. 7.—Sir Charles Tupper has been served with papers protesting his election to Parliament for the Cape Breton district.

IS VERY FOND OF ALTGELD.

Senator Jones Denies the Rumor That They Are at Odds.

NOMINATED A WATSON MAN

Georgia Pops Name S. A. Wright, a Prohibitionist, for Governor.

Temperance Plank to Be Kept Uppermost—Party Is Confident of Victory with Colored Support.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 7.—Seaborn Augustus Wright was nominated by acclamation for Governor by the Populists this morning. No other name was put up.

The triumph of Wright was a victory for the Populist-Prohibitionists, and he will make the race on the issue of prohibition.

The defeat of the middle-of-the-roads, who opposed extreme declaration in favor of Prohibition, and who were opposed to going outside of the party for a candidate, was complete. Mr. Wright has been an independent in politics. He is a successful lawyer of Rome and is comparatively wealthy. He is thirty-six years old and is a magnetic and brilliant orator.

He is an ardent Prohibitionist and will make the anti-liquor plank the uppermost issue in the campaign. The negro delegates voted solidly for Wright, and C. H. Watson, a negro leader of Augusta, pledged the support of 60 per cent of the negroes of Georgia to Wright. He predicted that all the white electoral vote of the Republicans would drive the negro Republicans to the Populist ranks.

Mr. Wright was brought before the convention and made a stirring speech. The State ticket was completed without contest. Little interest was taken in the naming of the chief clerk. For comptroller, Gen. Seaborn J. Bell of Burke was named; for commissary of agriculture, W. E. Smith of Decatur; for treasurer, W. C. Sibley of Richmond; for attorney general, Donald Clarke of Chatham.

The nomination of Sibley further emphasized the victory of the fusionists. He is a leading Prohibitionist, but not a Populist, and his wife, Mrs. W. C. Sibley, is at the head of the W. C. T. U. in Georgia.

The platform adopted by the convention declared for prohibition and endorses the action of the St. Louis convention. No action was taken regarding the Vice Presidential middle.

The nomination of Wright was peculiarly the expression of the wishes of Thomas E. Watson. Watson wanted Dr. J. B. Gambrill, but Gambrill's chances were exploded yesterday by the discovery that Gambrill had not been in the State as long a time as the constitution of the State required.

The speech of Wright stirred the convention to greater depths than even the words of Watson. He hung the Democrats of the State with his own torments. He denounced the Democratic officeholders in the State and urged a straight fight against them. He proved himself to be an orator of no mean ability, and he promised to stump the State during the campaign.

W. C. Sibley made his first appearance in a Populist convention. His two brothers, both prominent Populists, were appointed a committee to introduce him to the convention.

HILL WILL NOT PRESIDE.

Authoritative Statement Concerning His Position Regarding Bryan.

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 7.—Senator Hill arrived at his home in this city this afternoon where he expects to remain for the next ten days.

It can be authoritatively stated that he will not preside at the Bryan and Sewall ratification meeting at Madison Square Garden on Wednesday next, and that all statements appearing in the public prints that Senator Hill is about to declare for the Bryan ticket or against it are without foundation.

He has made no expression of his views on Bryan since he left Chicago, and is not likely to do so until the approaching New York State convention, to be held on September 16.

Land Bill Passed Committee.

London, Aug. 7.—The House of Lords today passed the Irish land bill through committee after five hours further debate. The hostility shown toward the measure was less marked than was expected. Several of the amendments offered were withdrawn. One amendment was rejected by a vote of 59 to 44, the amendment of the result being agreed with, and one was carried—61 to 46—in opposition to the government. The report on the committee stage and the third reading of the bill are fixed for Monday next.

Silver Shipped to Europe.

New York, Aug. 7.—J. and W. Sedgwick and Company will ship 275,000 ounces of silver; Guggenheim's Sons, 148,000 ounces; Handy and Harman, 75,000 ounces; Fuller and Wilson, 75,000 ounces; Heidebach, Ickelheimer and Company, 50,000 ounces; and Zimmerman and Foshay, 50,000 ounces to Europe on the steamship Etruria, sailing tomorrow.

Liquor Firm Embarrassed.

New Orleans, La., Aug. 7.—John L. Adams & Co., the large wholesale liquor dealers, grocers and commission merchants, are embarrassed, and have asked for a respite. They have \$32,000 in cash tied up in the American Bank, which failed yesterday. The firm has abundant assets and the embarrassment is only temporary.

Ivy Institute Business College, Eighth and K, West in Washington; \$25 a year.

IDENTIFIED THE SUICIDE

Body Found at Cabin John Is That of Irvin Hutchens.

FRIENDS ASSIGN NO MOTIVE

He Was Unmarried and Lived with His Widowed Mother—Was Last Seen on Wednesday When He Left Home in His Usual Health and Spirits.

The body of the young man who committed suicide Thursday night in the pretty ravine below Cabin John's Bridge was identified yesterday afternoon as that of Irvin Hutchens, who lived with his widowed mother at No. 1714 Thirtieth street northwest.

The body lay undisturbed where the deed had been committed until after 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Then some of the young man's friends read of the suicide in the evening papers while on their way to Cabin John. When they reached the bridge they viewed the remains just after they had been carried to the office of the hotel stables and immediately informed Hutchens' mother.

Young Hutchens left home Wednesday afternoon and was never again seen alive by the members of his family. When he did not return Wednesday night his mother began worrying about him and her anxiety increased many fold when no word was received of him yesterday morning. Still it was supposed he had gone to the home of some of his friends and the thought of suicide never entered the minds of the family.

WAS NOT MARRIED.

Mr. Hutchens was twenty-eight years of age and unmarried. The only excuse his friends can give for his rash act was a temporary aberration of mind brought about, probably, by drink, although he was never a hard drinker. He was of an unusually affable and even jolly disposition, save when drinking, and was never known, his family say, to contemplate self-destruction.

He would drink occasionally and would then become melancholy, but never to an alarming extent. He formerly held a position in one of the government departments, but that was several years ago, and he has had no active employment for a long time. He resided at home with his mother and sisters.

He formed few really intimate acquaintances in either sex, and in spite of the fact that the fragments of a destroyed letter lay near the body when it was found, his family deny the theory that he may have become enamored with some young lady who reflected his intentions.

FUNERAL NOT ARRANGED.

The remains were brought to Washington last night by Undertaker Birch of Georgetown and prepared for burial. The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

The details of the finding of the body and the last seen of Hutchens were told at the coroner's inquest, held yesterday afternoon, shortly after 3 o'clock. Deputy Sheriff William R. Embury was notified of the suicide at an early hour in the day. He summoned a jury as specially as possible and Magistrate Davidson presided over the panel.

Thomas Henley, the hostler for Messrs. Rogers, proprietors of the hotel, was the first witness. He saw the young man about 7:30 o'clock the evening before, when he came up to the hydrant and asked permission to wash his face. He subsequently did so and dried it on his handkerchief. He then asked Henley how far it was to the canal, a question in the light of future developments that showed he probably first contemplated drowning himself. He told Henley he had taken a few drinks and that he did not feel well. There were beads of perspiration on his face and he was quite pale.

Philip Jackson, a colored laborer and the next witness, was the first to discover the body. He said he saw the man lying on the grass about 7:30 o'clock in the morning and thought he was asleep. He saw it about an hour later, and on going over to it discovered that the man was dead.

WHAT WITNESSES SAID.

He immediately called to J. H. Harper, the next to testify, who notified the hotel people, and who was instructed afterwards by the sheriff to watch the remains until the inquest was over. Patrick Varnum and Lloyd Jackson, colored, came on the scene about the same time.

Dr. Pratt examined the corpse and found no reason to doubt that death was self-inflicted. The man had evidently made a pass first at the right side of the throat. A shallow gash was the result. The next stab was made in the left side, and must have been a vigorous one. The jugular vein was completely severed, and death resulted from hemorrhage.

Where the body lay was several feet down the slope from the place where the first and most blood was shed, and the man must have suffered terrible pain before death relieved him. The blood ran several feet in little rivulets down the hill. With the close of the testimony the jury reached a verdict that the dead man came to an end at his own hands.

British Cabinet Council.

London, Aug. 7.—A cabinet council was held at noon today, at which Lord Salisbury presided.

The Birmingham Post, which is the organ of Mr. Chamberlain, the colonial secretary, says that the cabinet will seriously consider the position created by last night's action of the House of Lords on the Irish land bill, when several amendments to the bill which the government opposed were adopted. The paper adds that the crisis invites the attention of Unionists throughout the country.

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EFFECTS OF THE BICYCLE CRAZE;
Praise here, gentle reader. This is the article of the week. The subject is considered under three heads—moral, hygienic and with regard to its effect on general trade. Scores of clergymen, physicians, business men and well-known women have given THE TIMES their opinions.

ROUND-TRIP TICKETS
TO THE FULL MOON;
How neighborly visits may yet be made to the earth's satellite.

EN ROUTE TO POTTER'S FIELD;
A talk with the keeper of the New York city morgue.

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